

## **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - Poverty Level Guidelines**

**Effective October 1, 2016:**

The following standard, maximum allotment amounts will be used as part of the annual SNAP re-budgeting in Erie County, effective October 1, 2016. It should be noted that these amounts are unchanged from the 2015 standard amounts.

Household Size	Maximum Allotment
1	\$194
2	\$357
3	\$511
4	\$649
5	\$771
6	\$925
7	\$1,022
8	\$1,169
Each additional member	+\$146

If a household's gross income is less than these amounts, a client may be eligible for SNAP benefits; however, it does not necessarily ensure a benefit. A SNAP budget must be calculated for a household in order to determine eligibility and benefit amount. The only way to determine a household's eligibility for SNAP benefits is to apply.

The following table contains Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) thresholds for eligible households:

Household Size	Max. Gross Income - 150% of FPL	Max. Gross Income - 130% of FPL
1	\$1,485	\$1,287
2	\$2,003	\$1,736
3	\$2,250	\$2,184
4	\$3,038	\$2,633
5	\$3,555	\$3,081
6	\$4,073	\$3,530
7	\$4,592	\$3,980
8	\$5,112	\$4,430
Each additional member	+\$520	+\$451

SNAP households having any aged or disabled members, and households that pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, that pass the 200 percent FPL gross income test and do not contain a SNAP-sanctioned or Intentional Program Violation (IPV) member, are categorically eligible for SNAP, meaning that households are not subject to a resource test. Elderly (60 years or older) or household members (and their spouses) who are incapable of buying food or preparing meals due to a disability may apply as a separate food unit if the income of those with whom the individual resides (excluding the income of the elderly and disabled person and his/her spouse) do not exceed the 165 percent FPL amount.

SNAP households with earned income budgeted for the purpose of determining SNAP eligibility and benefit amount that do not contain a household member that is sanctioned or disqualified for an Intentional Program Violation (IPV), failure to comply with work rules or voluntary job quit, that do not contain an aged or disabled member, and that do not pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, must pass the 150 percent FPL gross income test.

It should be noted that, per USDA rules, all households of three or more people, after the applicable Gross and/or Net Income Tests are passed, must have their monthly Net Income calculate out to a positive SNAP Allotment to be eligible to receive benefits.

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